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1. The final laying of the CIA cornerstone and box took place on 2 November 1960. At the "official" laying of the cornerstone by President Eisenhower in 1959, the "cement" used was actually a non-holding mixture of sugar and water and the box used was only a temporary one which, inter alia, was the wrong size. As soon as the guests had departed from the 1959 ceremony, the cornerstone and box were removed until they were finally emplaced in 1960. During the simple 1960 ceremony those of us who were present threw in some pennies for good luck. At the Eisenhower ceremony, the President asked Mr. Dulles what was in the cornerstone box and the DCI laughed and said it was too secret to disclose.

2. The sealing of the cornerstone box at the National Bureau of Standards was accomplished on 20 October 1960 at which time the contents for the box were put in place. I suggest that you read my memorandum of 18 November 1960 and, in particular, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.
(attached)

3. The Dulles plaque was unveiled on 20 March 1968, and this is the date you will want for your overall caption. One of the pictures in your montage showed Mr. Dulles greeting [REDACTED]. Erroneously I described [REDACTED]. That is incorrect. [REDACTED] home on consultation from his position as [REDACTED] at the time of the unveiling. The plaque was designed by Mr. Heinz Warneke.

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